

The New Hire is the Demon Lord

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EARLIER

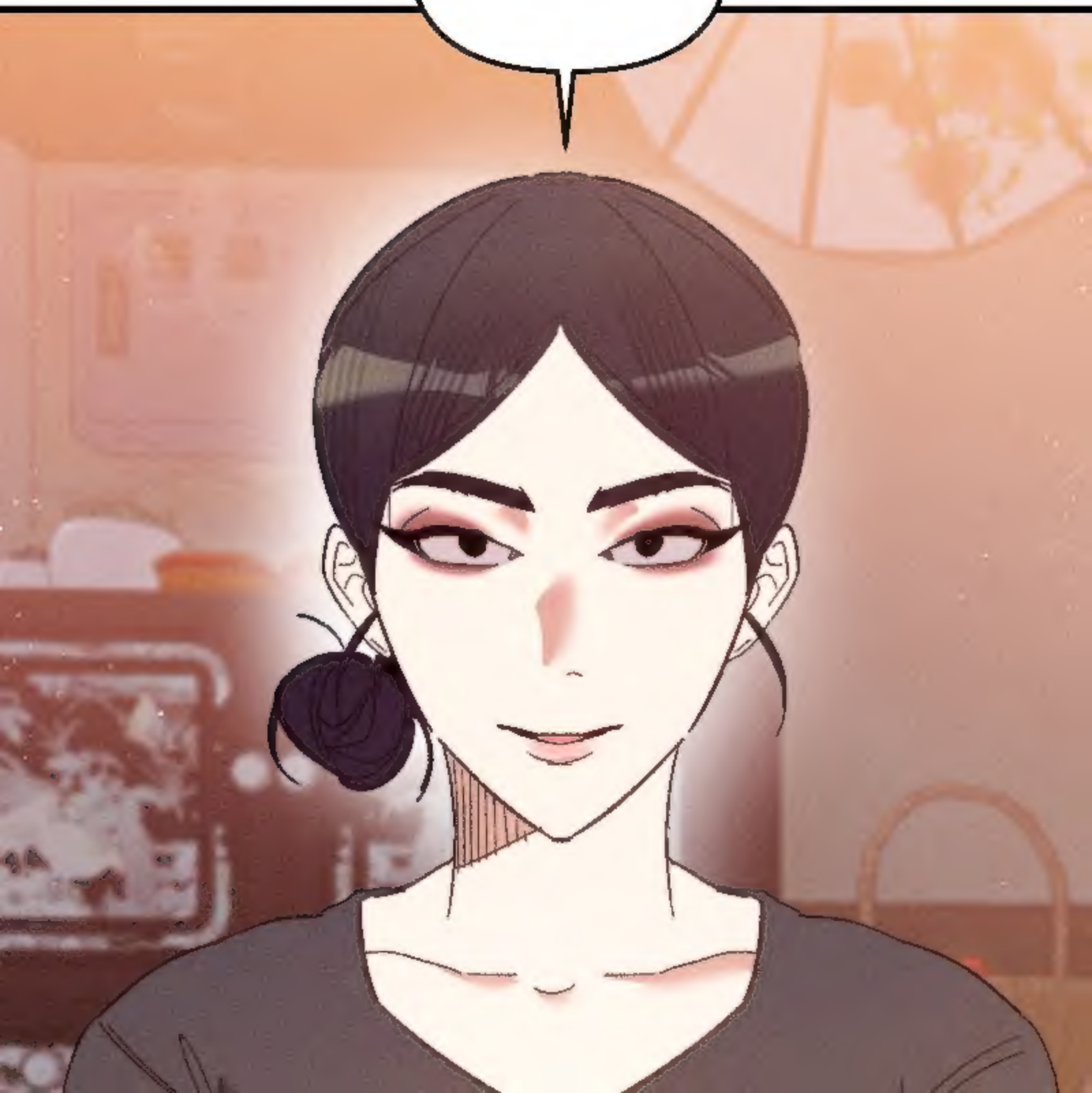


RATTLE



HELLO!

WELCOME.





ARE YOU
HERE TO TEST YOUR
COMPATIBILITY?

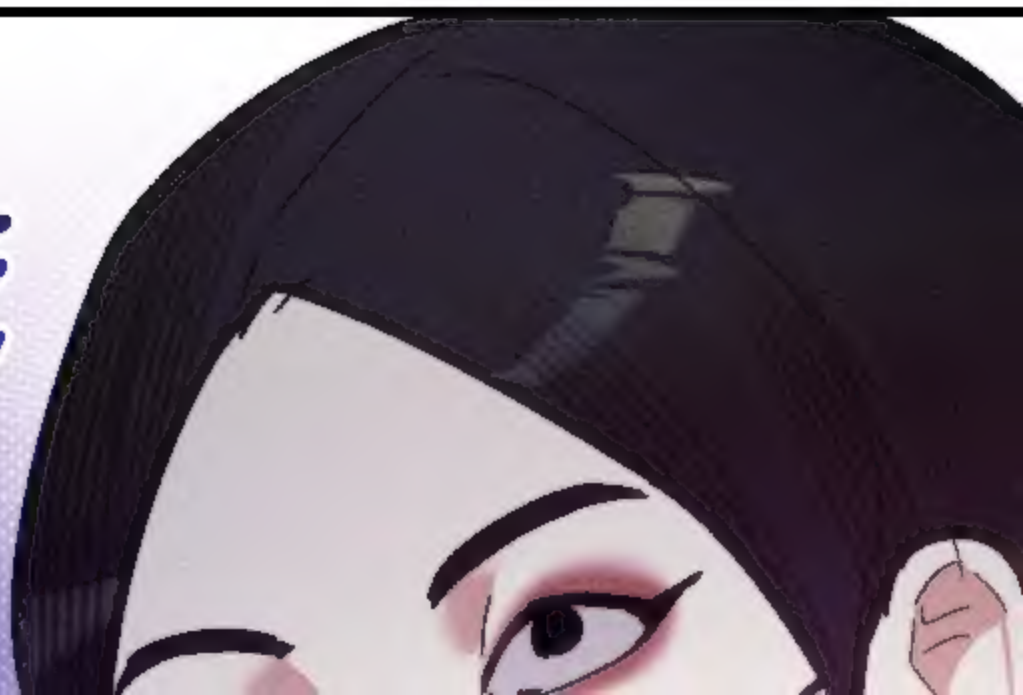


NO, WE'RE JUST
HERE TO HAVE OUR
FORTUNES READ.

OH?
GO AHEAD AND
SIT DOWN.

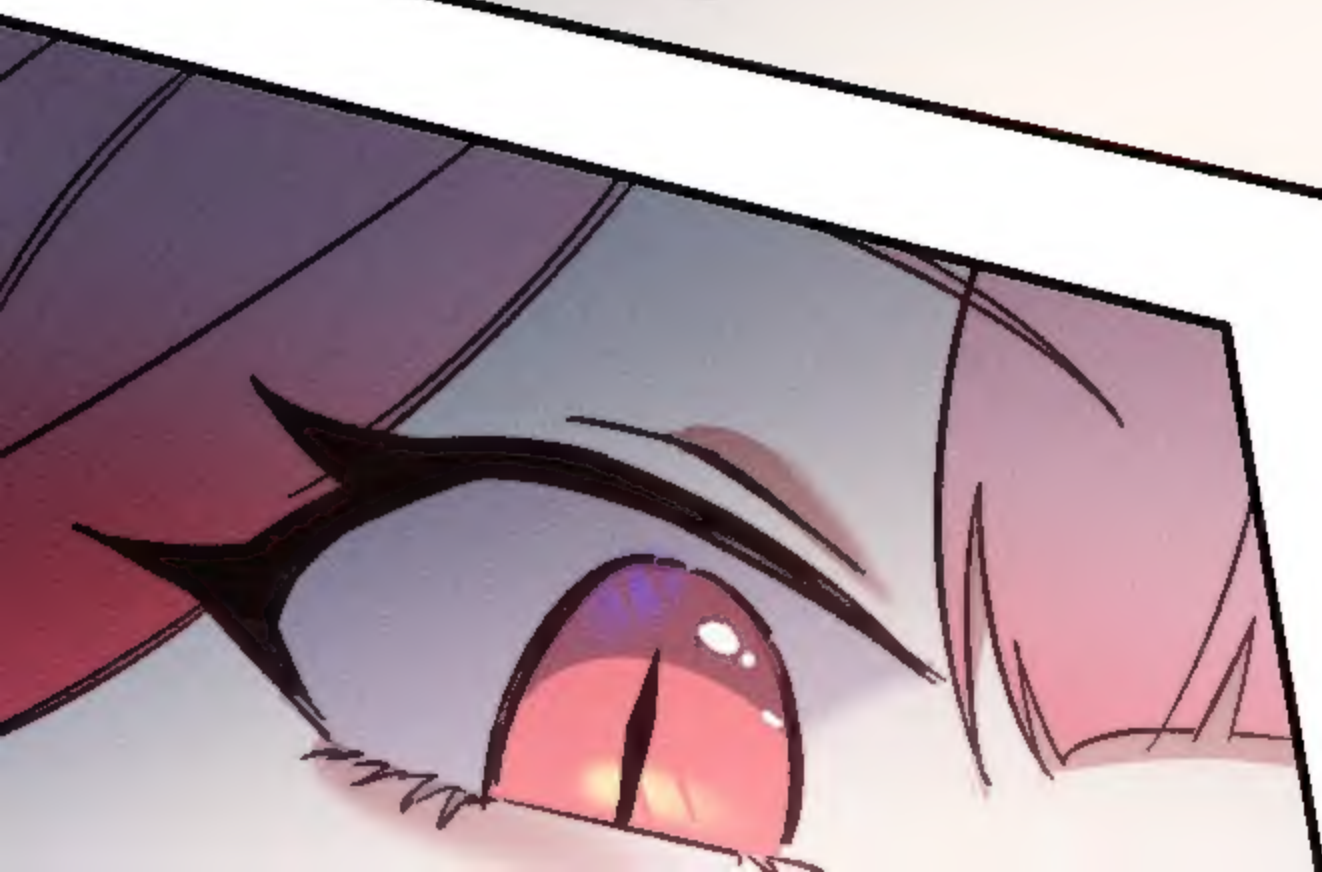


GLANCE





GLARE





MISS,
YOU ARE QUITE
STRONG-WILLED.

SMIRK

SIT

HAHA

I WOULD CALL HER
WEIRD RATHER THAN
STRONG-WILLED.





I AM SIMPLY
STRONG, NOT
STRONG-WILLED.

YOUR
FORTUNES, EH?
TELL ME YOUR NAMES
AND BIRTHDATES,
THEN.





MY NAME IS
YONGRAE KIM AND
I WAS BORN ON THE
13TH OF OCTOBER
IN 1998.

WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
LAHAN?

SO
SHE'S JUST
A FORTUNE
TELLER.



31ST OF
DECEMBER, 1999.
THE NAME'S
LAHAN JU.

IS THAT HER
REAL AGE? SHE'S
A YEAR YOUNGER
THAN I AM...

DO YOU KNOW
WHAT TIME YOU
WERE BORN?



OH, I DO.

I WAS BORN
AT...

HMM...

LET'S START WITH
YOU, MR. KIM. YOUR LIFE
WAS FULL OF STRIFE FROM
THE START. I SEE MANY
ROUGH WAVES.

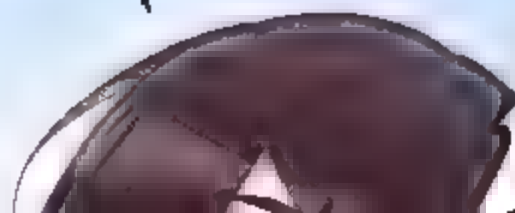


SINCE YOU
ARE WEAK-WILLED
AND GULLIBLE, YOU TEND
TO BE EASILY SWAYED

TO BE EASILY SWAYED
BY OTHERS,

SO THINGS
RARELY GO YOUR
WAY, AND YOU MUST HAVE
SUFFERED MANY
LOSSES.

OH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT!





YOU HAVE
GREAT MISFORTUNE
IN STORE FOR YOU
THIS YEAR,

BUT IF YOU
TAKE GOOD CARE
OF YOURSELF AND WAIT
FOR IT TO PASS, THINGS
WILL WORK OUT FROM
THEN ON.



GREAT
MISFORTUNE?
WHAT COULD THAT
INDICATE?

NEXT,
MS. JU.

THINGS AREN'T
EASY FOR YOU EITHER.
YOU ARE SO STRONG-WILLED
THAT YOU TEND TO PUSH
OTHERS AWAY.

CHUCKLE





AT MOST,
YOU MAYBE HAVE
ONE FRIEND YOU CAN
OPEN UP TO.

YOU ARE
STUBBORN AND TEND
NOT TO TRUST ANYONE,
SO YOU MAKE A LOT
OF ENEMIES.

PANT



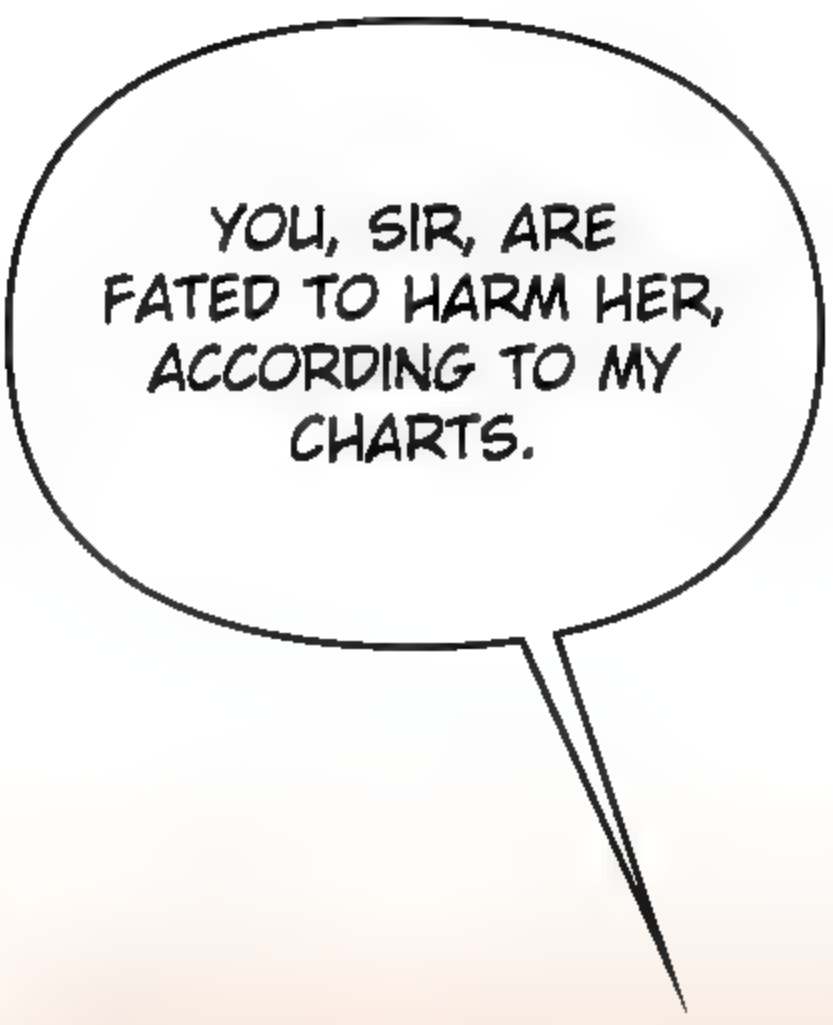


THAT DOES
SOUND LIKE ME...
DOES SHE REALLY
KNOW MY FATE?

SO...

WHAT IS YOUR
RELATIONSHIP?





YOU, SIR, ARE
FATED TO HARM HER,
ACCORDING TO MY
CHARTS.



YOU TWO MUST
HAVE BEEN NEMESSES
IN YOUR PAST
LIVES.



I'M GOING
TO HARM HER?!

NOT PHYSICALLY,
OF COURSE...

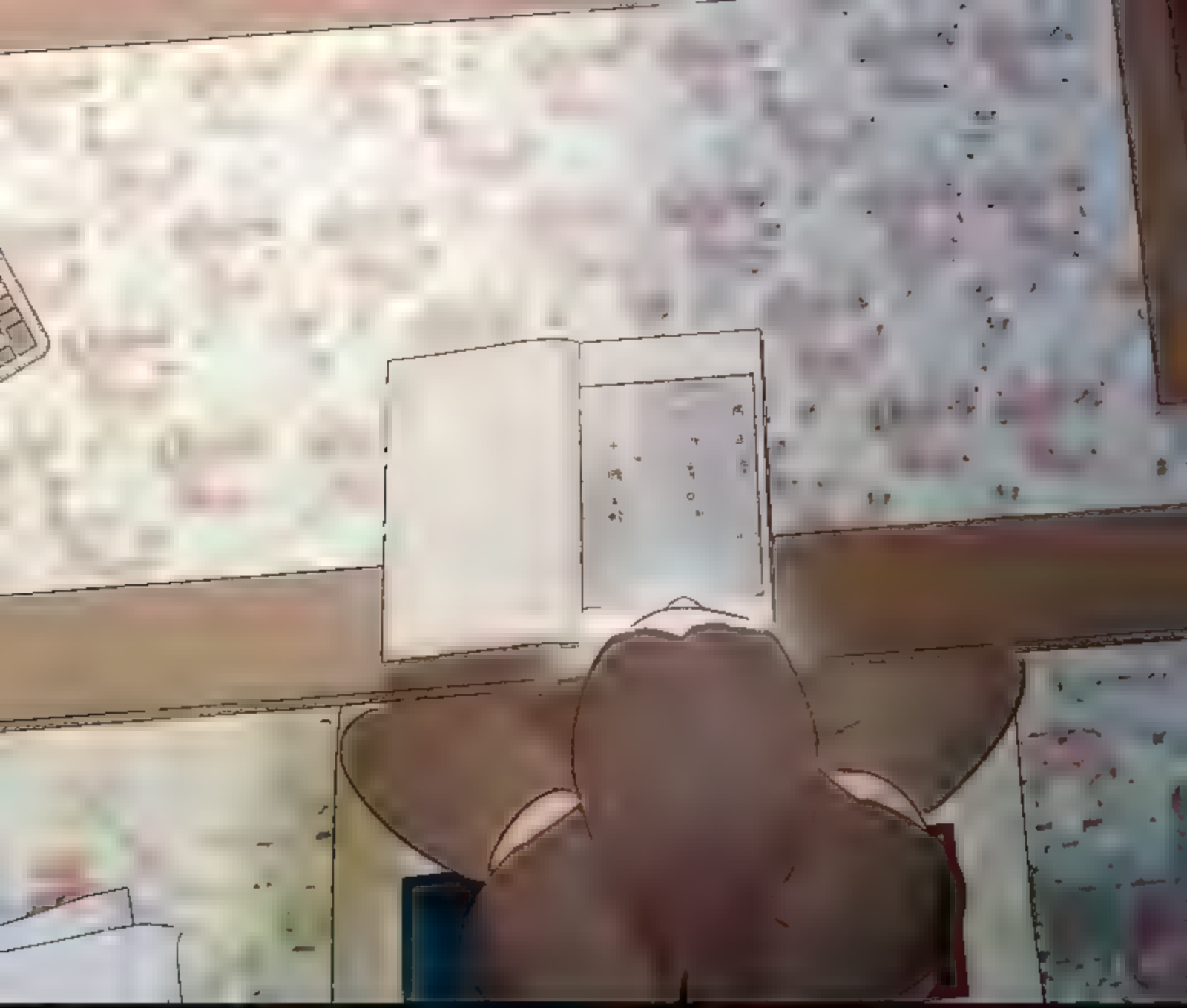


HMM

...BUT ACCORDING
TO YOUR FORTUNES,
MR. KIM, YOU WILL CRUSH
HER AND USE HER AS
A STEPPING STONE
TO SUCCESS.

BOTH YOUR
FATES AND YOUR
ENERGIES ARE IN SUCH
COMPLETE OPPOSITION THAT
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY EXIST
IN HARMONY ALONGSIDE
EACH OTHER.





IN OTHER WORDS,
ONE OF YOU MUST DIE
FOR THE OTHER
TO LIVE.

THIS IS THE KIND
OF FORTUNE YOU
ONLY SEE BETWEEN
SWORN ENEMIES.
HOW STRANGE...





A comic book panel featuring a large, empty white speech bubble in the center. The bubble has a black outline and a small tail pointing downwards. The background is a solid light yellow. At the top, there is a horizontal strip showing a red and white striped garment. At the bottom, there is a horizontal strip showing a pinkish-red garment.

WELL...

DON'T LET
THAT FRIGHTEN YOU,
THOUGH. THINK OF IT
AS METAPHORICAL.



IF YOU WERE
DATING, I WOULD
HAVE ADVISED YOU
TO BREAK UP,

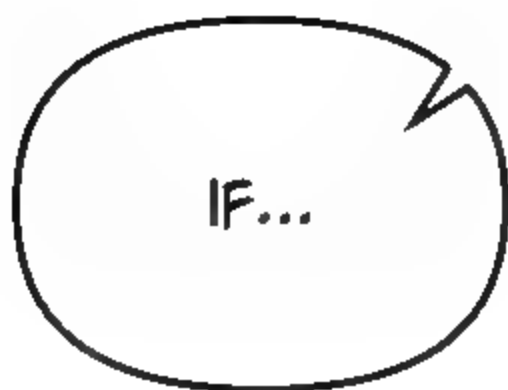
BUT
YOU'RE NOT,
RIGHT?



WE JUST WORK
TOGETHER.

A comic panel background showing a scene with a large purple flower on the left, a small tree in the center, and a large, rounded, metallic-looking structure on the right.

HMM...
THEN YOU OUGHT
TO BE CAREFUL NOT
TO CLASH AT
WORK.







...I WERE
TO KILL THIS MAN,
WOULD I FIND
HAPPINESS?

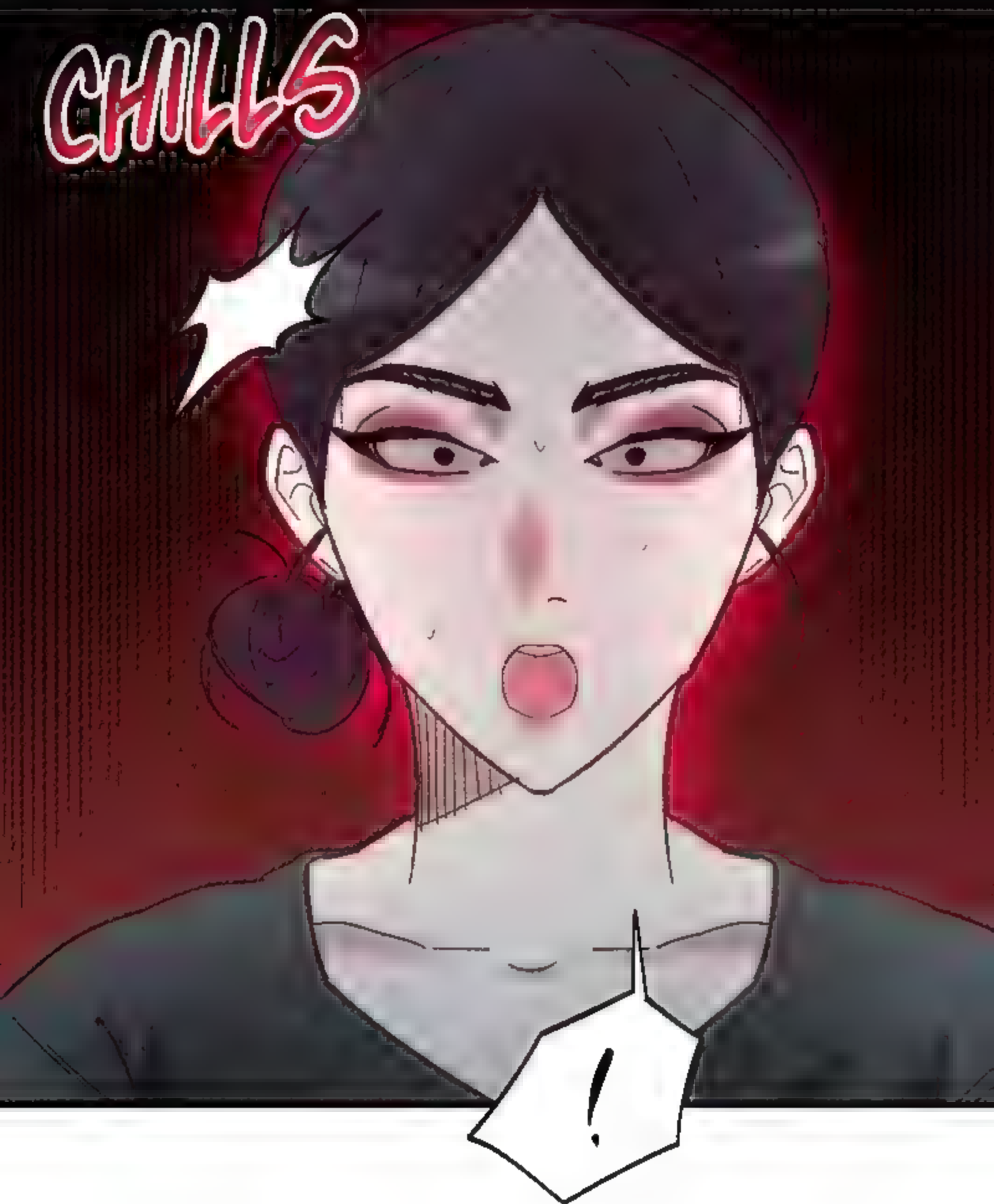


SPEAKING
METAPHORICALLY,
OF COURSE.





CHILLS



W-WELL,

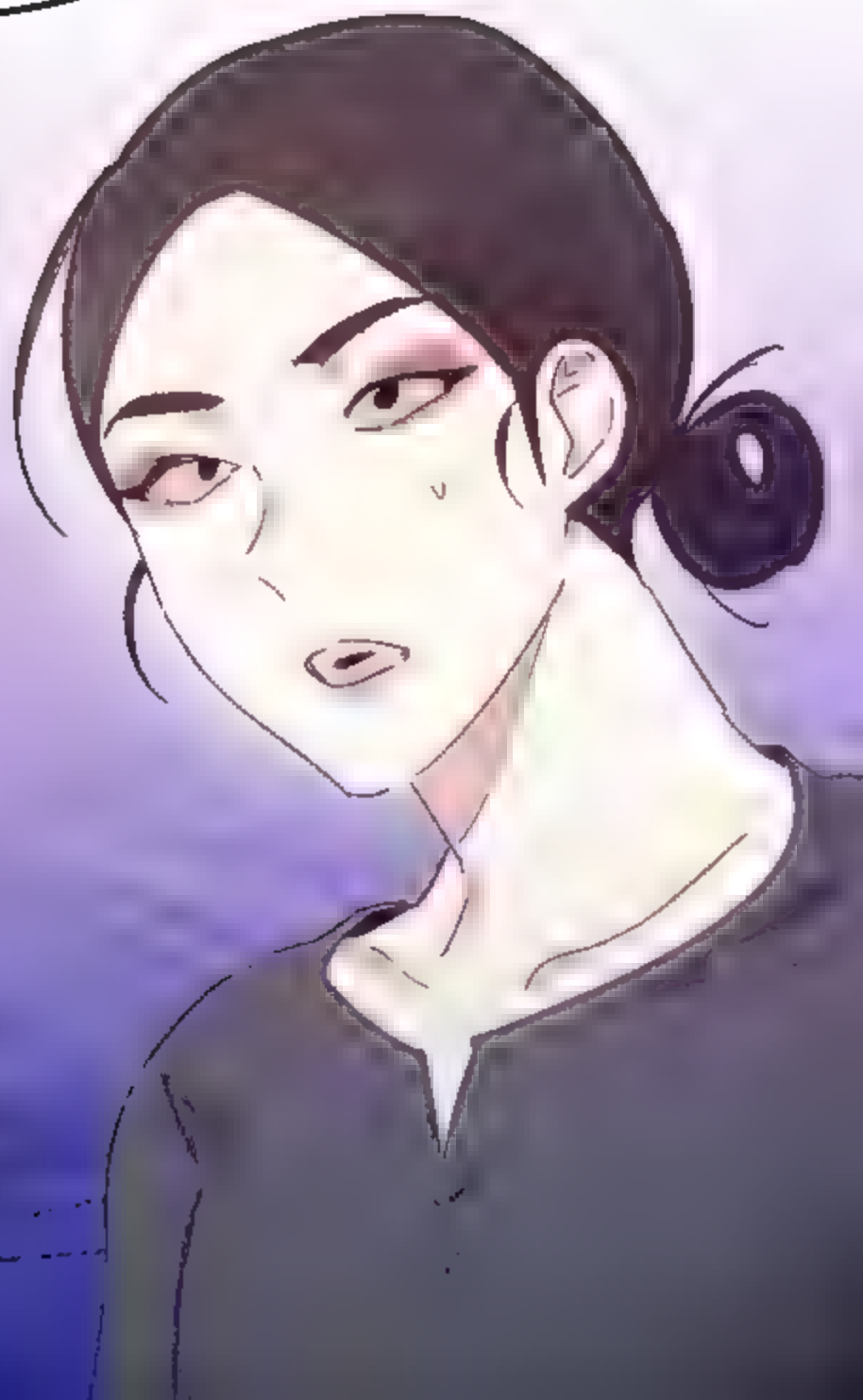
I DID SAY ONE
OF YOU MUST DIE
FOR THE OTHER
TO LIVE...

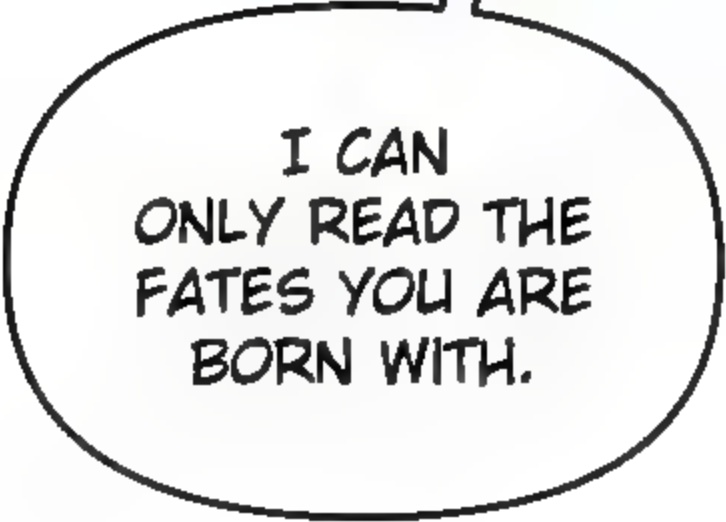




...BUT WHAT
I AM SEEING IS
THAT THIS MAN IS
FATED TO KILL YOU,
IF ANYTHING.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT THE
OPPOSITE WOULD
RESULT IN.





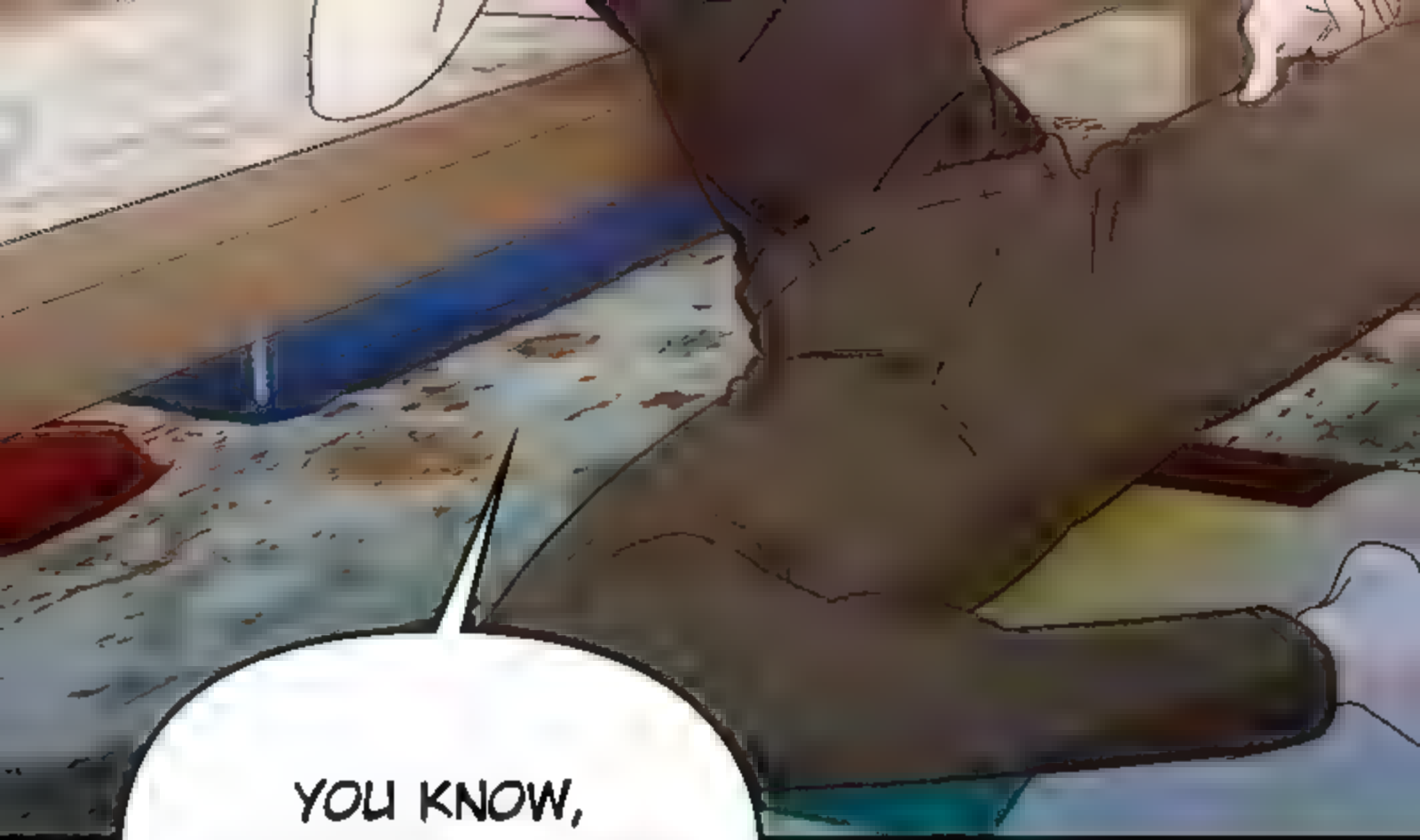
I CAN
ONLY READ THE
FATES YOU ARE
BORN WITH.





...DO YOU
REMEMBER WHAT
GRANDMA TOLD ME
BEFORE?



A comic book panel showing a character's legs from the knees down, wearing dark pants and brown boots. The character is standing on a light-colored, textured ground. A speech bubble is positioned in the lower-left area of the panel.

YOU KNOW,
IT WAS SOMETHING
LIKE...



... "BEWARE OF
THE ONE WITH THE
RED EYES."

DID SHE?
I WOULDN'T KNOW
ABOUT THAT.

THE CALLING
ALWAYS SKIPS
A GENERATION
IN OUR FAMILY,
AFTER ALL.

THAT'S WHY I WASN'T
REALLY INTERESTED.

HAHA



MAYBE SHE
MEANT THAT YOU
SHOULD BE CAREFUL
OF DRUNKARDS.

BUT SHE
SAID IT WAS A
SAYING PASSED DOWN
IN OUR FAMILY FOR
CENTURIES!

ONE OF
MY CUSTOMERS

A woman with dark hair tied in a bun is shown from the chest up, holding a smartphone to her ear. She has a slightly concerned or questioning expression. The background is a solid purple color.

MY CUSTOMERS
JUST NOW HAD
RED EYES.

I MEAN, I'M NOT
100% SURE, BUT...

SO I WANTED
TO KNOW WHAT
I'M SUPPOSED
TO DO...

OH DEAR!
SPRINKLE SALT
AROUND YOU, WILL YOU?
I JUST MET UP WITH THE
OTHER FAN CLUB
MEMBERS.

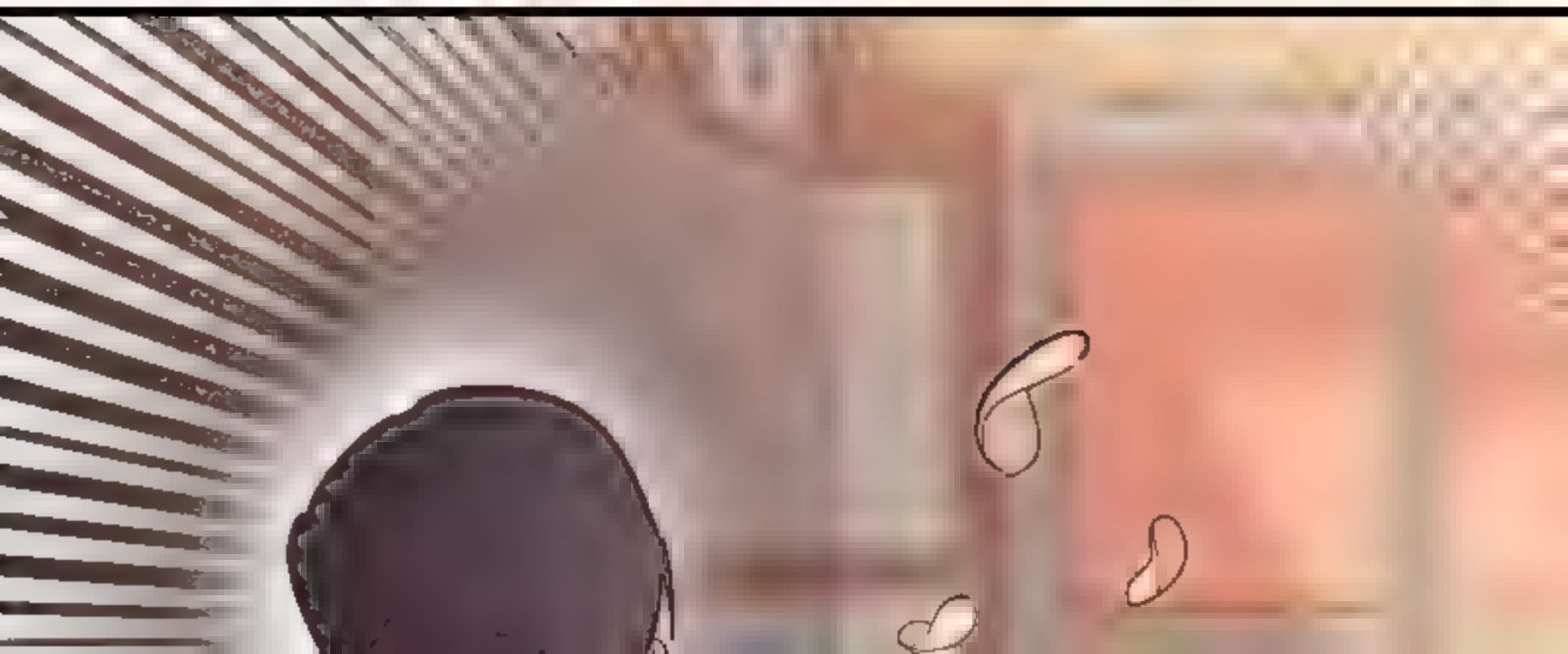
I'LL TALK
TO YOU LATER

TO YOU AT HOME
LATER! YOU REALLY
SHOULD COME BY MORE
OFTEN. SEE YOU!

CLICK















STEP



SHE SEEMS
A LITTLE DOWN
NOW... MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T HAVE
TAKEN HER
THERE...



LIHM...
LAHAN?





THAT FORTUNE
TELLER SEEMED LIKE
A QUACK, RIGHT?



HAHA

SHE DIDN'T EVEN
CHARGE US. THAT MEANS
THAT EVEN SHE KNEW
SHE WAS TALKING
NONSENSE.

DO YOU THINK
SO? I THOUGHT SHE
WAS SPOT ON.

WHAT?
ABOUT WHICH
PART?





ABOUT
ALL OF IT.

A close-up of a young woman with short, vibrant pink hair and bangs. She has large, expressive pink eyes and a wide, toothy grin, showing her fangs. Her expression is one of playful mischief. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting with warm lighting.

YOU AND
I MAY HAVE BEEN
NEMESSES IN OUR
PAST LIVES.

A jagged, starburst-shaped speech bubble with a black outline and a white interior. It contains the text 'IT WAS YOUR ANCESTOR, TO BE EXACT.' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

IT WAS
YOUR ANCESTOR,
TO BE EXACT.

GRIN



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN
LIKE IN MY PAST
LIFE...





...BUT I WOULD
NEVER KILL YOU,
LAHAN.

IF I HAVE
TO CRUSH YOU
IN ORDER TO SUCCEED,
I'D RATHER NOT
SUCCEED.





OBVIOUSLY...!
WHAT, WERE YOU
GOING TO KILL ME
TO SUCCEED?





OF COURSE
NOT...

HMPH. BESIDES,
I DO NOT TRUST
ANYONE.

HUMANS
BETRAY EVEN THEIR
FAMILY MEMBERS,
AFTER ALL.



YOU'RE
SO PESSIMISTIC,
LAHAN...

IT IS TRUE
THOUGH, IS IT NOT?
HUMANS DO ANYTHING

FOR MONEY AND
FAME.

I WOULDN'T
BETRAY YOU,
LAHAN.

RAISE

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SWEAR
ON IT?

WHY ARE YOU
RAISING YOUR PINKY
FINGER AT ME?

ARE YOU TRYING
TO INSULT ME?





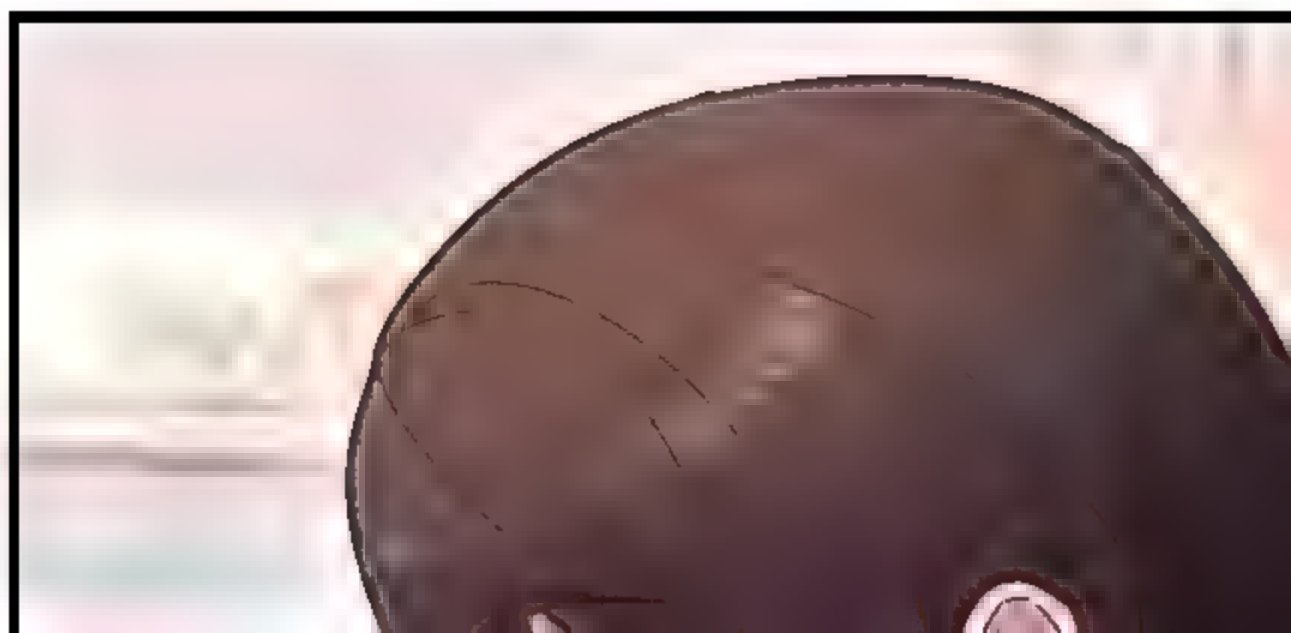
LINKING PINKIES
IS HOW YOU MAKE
PROMISES.

HERE, RAISE
YOUR PINKY
LIKE ME.



L-LIKE THIS?

RAISE

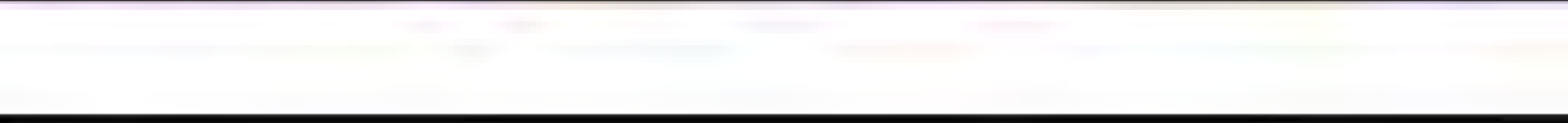










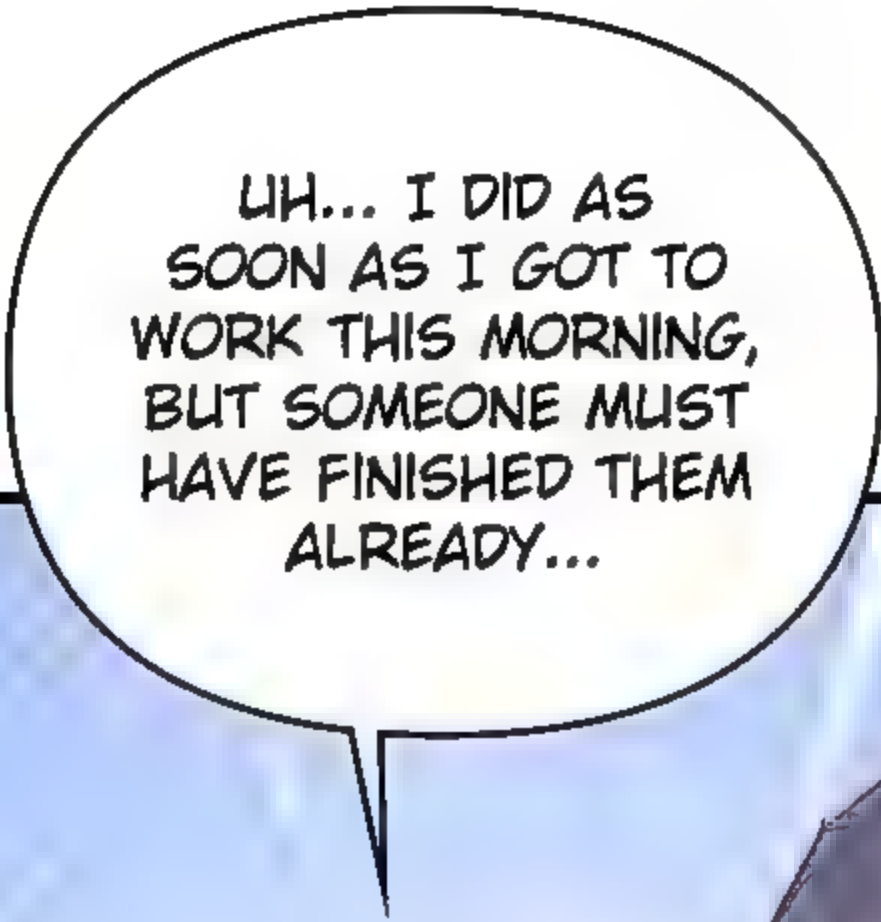






**YONGRAE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU
RESTOCK THE COFFEE
IN THE BREAK
ROOM?!**

**ISN'T IT
YOUR TURN
TO DO THAT
TODAY?!**



UH... I DID AS
SOON AS I GOT TO
WORK THIS MORNING,
BUT SOMEONE MUST
HAVE FINISHED THEM
ALREADY...





STOP LYING. IT'S
NOT EVEN NOON YET!
WHO COULD HAVE HAD
THAT MUCH COFFEE
ALREADY?!





**TH-THAT
BASTARD...!!!**



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